We claim:

1. A wound dressing comprising:

an absorbent core having opposed proximal and distal surfaces; and

a discrete skin adherent, apertured facing layer having a distal surface secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core, wherein the facing layer includes portions along a proximal surface thereof having different degrees of skin adherence.

2. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the degree of skin adherence corresponding to a generally central portion of the facing layer is less than the degree of skin adherence along a border portion bordering the central portion thereof.

3. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the facing layer includes at least two concentric sections located at different distances from a central axis of the wound dressing having dissimilar skin adherence properties.

4. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the degree of skin adherence of the facing layer gradually increases from a central axis of the facing layer towards the periphery thereof.

5. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the skin adherence of the facing layer gradually increases from a border of a central portion of the facing layer towards the periphery thereof.

6. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the facing layer includes a border portion located near the periphery thereof having at least one segment with greater skin adherence than a central portion thereof.

7. The wound dressing according to claim 6, wherein opposed segments of the border portion have greater skin adherence than the remaining areas of the border portion of the facing layer.

8. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the facing layer is substantially planar along the distal surface thereof.

9. The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent core is generally circular, the facing layer including concentric sections having varying degrees of skin adherence.

10. A wound dressing comprising:

an absorbent core having opposed proximal and distal surfaces; and

a skin adherent, apertured facing layer having a distal surface secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core, wherein said facing layer has at least two discrete sections having varying degrees of skin adherence along a proximal surface thereof.

11. The wound dressing according to claim 10, further comprising a first discrete section of the facing layer corresponding to a central portion of the facing layer and a second discrete section of the facing layer corresponding to a border portion of the facing layer, said second discrete section having greater skin adherence than the first discrete section.

12. The wound dressing according to claim 11, wherein the second discrete section is substantially concentric to the first discrete section.

13. The wound dressing according to claim 11, further comprising a third discrete section of the facing layer interposed between first and second discrete sections of the facing layer, said third discrete section having a degree of skin adherence between the degrees of skin adherence of the first and second discrete sections.

14. The wound dressing according to claim 13, wherein the first and third discrete sections include apertures, the apertures of the first discrete section being larger than the apertures of said third section.

15. The wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the at least two discrete sections of the facing layer are separate, continuous sheets of elastomeric gel.

16. The wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the proximal surface of the facing layer is substantially planar.

17. The wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the skin adherence of each discrete section of the facing layer is substantially uniform.

18. The wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the skin adherence of each discrete section varies transversely across the width thereof.

19. The wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the facing layer is substantially planar along the distal surface thereof.

20. The wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the absorbent core is generally circular, the at least two sections of the facing layer being generally concentric with one another.